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McKee's Guarantee and what It Means to You!



When you order a suit of clothes, made to your measure and when you choose your material from our patterns, we guarantee that we will fit you perfectly; that the tailoring will be the best and the materials used will be precisely as ordered by you. Failing the fulfilment of these conditions we will either refund your money or make you another suit.

In fact, we guarantee satisfaction in every detail.

**We Deliver the Goods exactly as you desire them,
OR YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY US A CENT**

During the last twelve months we have fitted a number of the best dressed men in town and we have yet to receive the first complaint.

If you are considering a new suit for the Spring let us show you how you save on a Suit Made to Measure.



Our Prices For
these guaranteed
made-to-measure
suits run from
\$35.00 to \$75.00
and the same
guarantee goes
with every order

Do Your Trading at - McKEE'S STORES - Produce taken as Cash

Our Motto--"Value, Quality, Service"--First, Last and All the Time.

THE GEM THEATRE

Fri. and Sat.--W. S. Hart in "Selfish Yates."
Mon. and Tues.--"Missing" A Big Feature.
Wednesday and Thursday:
Dorothy Dalton in "Kaizer's Shadow."
Friday and Saturday:
Pauline Frederick in "La Tosca."

Are you Looking For Snaps?

Here are a few Odd Lines
which you will find will save
Big Money for you.

Men's Shoes

Going Cheap

Men's Corduroy Pants

Going Cheap

Men's Tweed Pants

Going Cheap

Men's Winter Pants

Special low prices to clear

JAS. JOHNSTON The Quality Store.
Licence No. 8 17189

And A Pleasant Time Was Had

Owing to the absence of Councillor Allen there was nothing of interest at the meeting of the Council held on Monday last.

There were the usual details of routine and the ordinary humdrum monotonies of questions which answered themselves; one case of resignation and several accounts; our request which was granted and one which was not; no new business; no unfinished business; and in fact the only interesting event of the session was the adjournment motion, which was initiated by Councillor Playfair in a very frequent manner accompanied by some very moving gestures on the part of every member of the Council and also our venerable solicitor.

Bassano Bachelors Mourn

The Bassano Bachelors regret to record the loss of one of the most outstanding members of their fraternity who succumbed to the epidemic of matrimony which has recently decimated their ranks. Requested in vain. Needless to say the Bachelor in question was Jack Allan, who was married this week to Molly Mori at Medicine Hat. The whole town and district will be sure to join in congratulating the happy couple; for they are two of Bassano's most deservedly popular people.

Oddfellows Install

The Installation of the Officers of Bassano Lodge of Oddfellows, equipped with the official visit of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary (Continued on page five.)

U.S. War Veteran Returns

Charlie Clark, who was one of the first Americans of the district to enlist in the U.S. army in 1917, and who, after serving in France for twelve months, was wounded in the foot in one of the last engagements of the war, is visiting in Bassano this week. Charlie has a heap of interesting reminiscences to relate, which his natural modesty will not permit him to recount to the press. Anyhow Bassano is happy to have you back Charlie, and would like you to take off your shoes and stay for a while.

Hospital District Organisation Completed

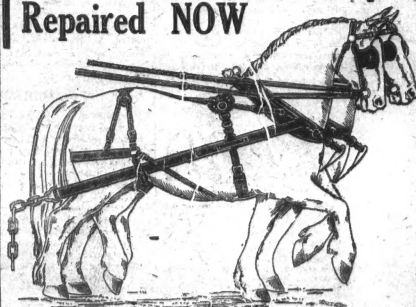
The Board of Directors, appointed by the Provincial Board of Health for the purpose of preparing a scheme to be submitted to the ratifiers at some future date, met at the Town Hall, Bassano, on Wednesday, January 16th, and with the assistance of A. McKay (organiser of Municipal Hospital Districts) completed all the preliminary arrangements in connection with the proposition.

The scheme, as proposed by the directors, is a broad and comprehensive one, which will undoubtedly meet with the full approval of the ratifiers.

While it is not possible to give a complete report of the scheme, we are able to advise our readers of some of its details in connection with the rate of taxation and the rate of charges which it is proposed to make at the hospital.

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GET YOUR HARNESS Repaired NOW



Don't leave your Repairing
until you need to use your harness
Look it over now and let us fix any
little jobs which need attention.

Our Harness stock is complete
Select your new set for Spring At Once.

**We Can Save You Money
We Appreciate Your Business**

We Ask You to Compare Our Prices for we know we can convince you that you are losing money unless you deal with
Currie & Milroy, Ltd., Bassano.

ROYAL YEAST CAKES

The quality of Royal Yeast Cakes is such that it cannot be improved, so we are improving the cake. The quality of the Royal Yeast Cakes is such that it cannot be improved, so we are improving the cake. The quality of the Royal Yeast Cakes is such that it cannot be improved, so we are improving the cake.

ROYAL YEAST HAS BEEN THE STANDARD YEAST OF CANADA FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY

R. W. GILBERT COMPANY LIMITED
TORONTO, CANADA
WINDSOR MONTREAL

Your Home Paper

In some quarters, and among a certain class of Canadians, given to very superficial thinking, it has become a popular pastime to decry the newspaper press of this Dominion and to characterize it as a venal, immoral and corrupt and its independence a joke. It is stated with tireless repetition by these critics that the newspapers of Canada are either under the thumb of self-seeking politicians, or are the property of special interests and committees whose purposes they exist to serve, or that they are at the mercy of their chief advertisers; consequently, that the newspapers of Canada are biased against the public good, that free expression of opinion is stifled, that even the news columns are "edited," items of news being published or suppressed according as the personal or political interests of the real masters of the press are affected.

For the editorial views advanced by the newspapers of this Dominion, these critics declare they are regarded with suspicion by the people and carry little weight. One of the most recent tirades of this character is to be found in the editorial columns of an advertising supplement, which, in contrast to the postal laws of Canada, bring inserted in a number of Western newspapers. This advertising supplement is not printed by these weekly papers, but is a separate advertising agency in Regina, and the weekly papers using it are merely paid a nominal sum to incorporate it with their regular editions and thus give circulation to the advertisements of Regina business concerns and draw trade to that city and away from the smaller towns and villages of the West.

Possibly the editorial attack on this advertising supplement on the press of Canada should be given just the valuation which it itself places on editorial expressions. However, while the daily papers of the Dominion may figure it, we feel inclined to offer a few observations so far as the weekly press of Western Canada is concerned.

It is no doubt true that in Canada, as in all countries, there are certain newspapers which are controlled, and their policies dictated, by political party men. Others are owned by corporations having selfish interests to serve. But because there are a few outstanding examples of this kind, it is no ground for the wholesale condemnation of the larger newspapers of this country, and people who have been fed with this kind of wholesale criticism of the press would probably be surprised and greatly delighted to learn how small, after all, is the number of papers under such control and open to such dictation.

So far, however, as the weekly newspapers of Western Canada are concerned, reproached because of a lack of independence cannot be successfully maintained against them. Rather, it can be said without fear of successful contradiction that of all the institutions in this Western country there is not one more free from outside interference, dictation or control, either by party politicians, financial interests, railways or other corporations, than the weekly newspapers of the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

Western weekly papers are, in the vast majority of cases, the personal property of the men who are actually directing and managing them, and those few cases where they are owned by joint stock companies the shareholders are men of substance and standing in the community, in which these papers are published and among whose people they are circulated, and they are not subject to subject to no party dictation or control. Their views are the honest views of the men who own and personally control them, and their interests are wrapped up with the interests of the community they seek to serve.

For real independence the weekly newspapers of Western Canada stand without a peer. Many of them make sacrifices of the interests of their home districts by refusing to advertise dealing in, or business advertising, and in every possible way supporting the "house weekly" people are not satisfied to build up a machine, an agency which can and does render incalculable public service.

To the reader of this paper, therefore, we would say: Do not run down your own paper; do not unfairly contrast it with larger papers elsewhere; rather support and encourage and thus make it give help and develop until others will point to it as a model, and its power to do good to the entire Western community be largely increased.

Conditions Are Terrible

Diseases in German Camps
L. M. P. (L. M. P.)

London. — The terrible conditions existing in the British prisoners' camp at Paderborn, Germany, are described by Sir John D. S. in the Daily Telegraph. The conditions are described by Sir John D. S. in the Daily Telegraph. The conditions are described by Sir John D. S. in the Daily Telegraph.

These Pills Cure Rheumatism. — To the many who suffer from rheumatism, a trial of Parmentier's Vegetable Pills is recommended. These pills have pronounced action upon the liver and kidneys and by regulating the action of these organs act as an alternative in preventing the adhesion of uric acid to the joints, thus preventing the disorder. They must be taken according to directions and used steadily for three weeks, after which the evidence of their beneficial effects.

See Light of Day Again

London Takes Out Art Treasures From Hiding Place

London. — More of London's art treasures are seeing the light of day after being hidden for months in safety where they were stored to save them from danger during air raids. The treasures, which were hidden in the windows of the houses of parliament, which were darkened with opaque paint during the air raids, are now being cleaned, and these beautiful stained glass works of art are coming to view.

Cumulus have been the cure worked by Holloway's Corn Cure. It is a powerful of its kind, and its other preparations.

Germany Wants Poland

Are Spreading Story of Advance by Polish Army

Washington. — Reports from Berlin that the Polish army is advancing on the German capital is denied by the Polish Bureau. The report was originated by German propaganda purposes, according to the bureau said.

"Poland is the prize Germany desires," said the bureau.

The statement said that in German Poland, which is between 70 and 80 per cent. Polish, the people of that country are being driven out of their homes, and that the German government is determined to resist Russian and German Bolshevism, and to that end have created a local militia. To kindle the spirit of resistance, the German government, it was said, are spreading stories of an advance by a Polish army.

The bureau's statement also said French and British newspaper correspondents in Berlin have been informed that the German government is determined to resist Russian and German Bolshevism, and to that end have created a local militia.

Minard's L.L.M. Cures Disinfectant. — The disinfectant is being used by the German government to resist Russian and German Bolshevism, and to that end have created a local militia.

Women Help in Defense of City

Suffered Heavy Losses and Many Captured

London. — Polish Russian troops have suffered heavy losses in the defense of the city of Lemberg, which is defended by the Polish army. The Polish army is being driven out of their homes, and that the German government is determined to resist Russian and German Bolshevism, and to that end have created a local militia.

Famous Big Bomb Abandoned. — The bomb was abandoned by the German government to resist Russian and German Bolshevism, and to that end have created a local militia.

Paris. — Four sailors were killed in the attack on Jan. 1, as a result of the French torpedo boat destroyer, which was destroyed by the explosion, but was able to reach Constantinople under her own power.

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Golfers Hit to Pacific Coast

Swat Hill on Grassy Ground During Winter Months

Would you like to play golf on your lawn's content on the finest personal ground courses ever known, on a grassy hill, with mountains and blue sky in the background, the best of the best in air in your lungs to inspire your every stroke?

That's what they're doing out in Vancouver and Victoria this winter. Scores of enthusiasts are spending, or are about to spend, delightful weeks or months on the coast on the coast.

Shaughnessy Heights (Vancouver) Hotel guests have privileges on payment of green fees, Jertice Country and Vancouver Golf and Country Club are at your service in Vancouver.

In Victoria, the Victoria Golf and Country Club and the Victoria Golf and Country Club are at your service in Victoria.

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NEW TREATMENT THAT KNOCKS RHEUMATISM

It's BOX FREE TO ANY SUFFERER

By Dr. Williams, M.D., a treatment for rheumatism has been found that hundreds of cases have been cured. It is a simple, safe, and effective treatment that can be used by anyone.

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Good Balls, Good Alleys
and Good Fellows ensure
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The New Edison Diamond Amberola
is a marvelous invention, even for a
genius like Thomas A. Edison. So
perfect is its construction and
mechanism, that it will give you years
and years of exquisite pleasure without
the bother and expense of providing
and changing metal needles.

The NEW EDISON DIAMOND AMBEROLA

has a diamond reproducer point that never wears out.
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How To Have Them, Free.

We want to put you in a position where you can decide
that the entertainment, education and instruction your
entire family would receive from
this almost human instrument, are
worth many times the cost of the
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the outrageous conditions which
have been imposed upon the
farmers living north of the Red
Deer river.

Mr. Bruce, (the Inspector) has
however condescended to ask
residents in that district to forward
to him "any specific and fully
authenticated instances where the
mail has been delayed."

Ye Gods! The ingenueness
of the man is refreshing, and his
ignorance of the conditions would
be diverting were it not so pitiable,
and were it not that as a result of
that ignorance the public are so
poorly served.

But, Mr. Bradshaw, to whom
the request was made, has provided
the gentleman with some
beautiful specimens of the handi-
work of the department he repre-
sents. In fact the letter of request
itself is one of the specimens, hav-
ing taken eight days from the date
of despatch from Calgary to reach
its destination at Bassano. One
letter containing a telegram is the
real gem of the collection having
taken a matter of sixteen days to
reach Pandora from Bassano.

And the funny part in the
whole story is that Mr. Bruce
realizes that this is Canada in the
twentieth century, and he also
knows that he and his staff are
paid to serve the people who pro-
vide him. If the dear old fellow be-
lieved that he was in Siberia, way
back in the medieval times, and
that he was exercising a
benevolent autocracy we might be
able to understand his toleration of
the sheer incompetency of himself
and his subordinates.

Once again we would urge our
readers who are most directly con-
cerned by this outrage of public
service to forget that such a man
as Bruce ever existed, and straight-
way forward their protest and
petitions to the Post Master
General at Ottawa.

There is no reason on earth
why H. H. Halladay should not
interest himself in this matter and
we would suggest that a copy of
the petition be forwarded to him,
with a strong hint that he get busy
right away.

At the last meeting of the
Bulyea Municipality it was de-
cided to borrow the sum of \$22,000
for the purpose of supplying Seed
Grain to Farmers, for the year
1919. It is always claimed that
"The Lord helps those who help
themselves" and we trust that the
result of this year's crop will
strengthen the claim.

In the last issue of the "Brooks
Bulletin" the editor states that
while he believes in the principle
of the Municipal Hospitals' Act,
he is of the opinion that the Bas-
sano Municipal Hospital Dis-
trict takes in too much territory
and gives the area as comprising
the territory between Tilley and
Queenstown.

Bro. Nesbitt's argument might
have weight if his figures were
correct, but they are not. The
action of the Brooks Council in
turning down the proposal that the
town should be included in the
District has been responsible for
the restricting of the eastern

boundaries of the district at Rose-
mary and consequently Duchess,
Millicent, Brook, Sutherland and
Tilley are unfortunately prevented
from participation in the benefits
and privileges which the Municipal
Hospital will confer.

We are pleased, however, to
find that the principle of the
scheme is endorsed by the
"Bulletin," even though it was
opposed to the scheme itself, as
applied to Brooks.

Every farmer in the district
would be glad to know that an
Agricultural Society was about to
be formed in Bassano and that an
Annual Exhibition would be
arranged under its auspices.
Somewhat or other the proposition
doesn't seem to find favor in town.

Its a good and almost necessary
thing, and one which would draw
the town and country together
closer than anything else we know
of, but for some mysterious reason
it has never been accomplished,
possibly a little "Get-together"
meeting might help to solve the
question.

So far as we have been able to
gather, no one has begun to work
in the business of securing a
Custom's House at Bassano. We
have the offices and the need
which is obvious to everyone will
be accentuated when the new
customs arrive from the States.
But, as usual, we suppose nothing
will be done until either Brooks or
Gleichen secure the post.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

In the estate of LEE LEONARD
LANDRUM, late of Bassano, Alberta,
farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all
persons having claims on the estate of
he said LEE LEONARD LANDRUM,
who died 2nd July, 1918, are required to
submit the same to the undersigned
Administrator of his estate, by the
15th February 1919, a full statement,
fully verified, of their claims and of any
security held by them, and that after
that date the Administrator will dis-
tribute the assets of the deceased among
the parties entitled thereto, having re-
gard only to the claims of which notice
has been so filed or brought to their
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Successful Carnival

The only persons who did not enjoy the Ice Carnival last Friday were those who did not attend. Everybody else was delighted and had good reason to be, for the weather was perfect, the ice good, and the crowd determined to have a good time.

The great majority of the spectators were of the deciduous younger set, but the few adults who related the temptation offered for far-off greener fields, and staved in their own home town, were yet enough to provide some good sport.

The races were hardly up to expectations, the only remarkable feature being the case with which Joey Gray outkicked all his opponents boys and men alike. In the 12 mile race the winner partly made up a very good time for the two, but should make a good race before long.

The prize-winners were as follows: Ladies' Fancy, Miss Rogers; Girls' Fancy, Alice Holton; Girls' Fancy, Vera Torgun; Girls' Comic, Roy Smith; Girls' Clown, W. Tagerine; Boys' Fancy, Boys' Comic, Mike Kores; Lady and Gent's Race, Miss Rogers and J. Manning; Men's Race, Joey Gray; Boys' Race, Joey Gray; Men's Back Skating, Percy Grant; Boys' Relay, J. Gray and Girls' Race, 16 and under, Nola King; Ladies' Race, Mrs. Morden; Boys' under 12 D. Hart; Girls' under 12 D. Gray.

Berry Creek Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the society was well attended there being about forty members present. It was decided to hold a fair this coming year if possible in the first fifteen days in September. It was also decided to hold a Field Grain competition. Several recommendations in the way of improvements to buildings and grounds for the year. The most important decision was the authorizing the directors to purchase permanent grounds the present grounds being used if possible. This was followed by election of officers.

RECEIPTS	
Govt. grant for exhibition	\$ 477.83
Govt. grant membership	150.00
Membership fees 1918	151.00
Membership fees 1919	52.00
Unical grant, Ladies' Creek	100.00
Entry fee agriculture	73.80
Entry fee sports	55.75
Gate receipts	174.00
Admission prize list	20.00
Exhibition privileges	111.00
Rent	74.00
Dances	789.25
Wa. Tax	16.25
Overdraft	66.32
	\$ 4670.80

EXPENDITURES	
Overdraft from 1917	\$ 137.85
Paid prizes exhibition	866.40
Paid prizes horse races	100.00
Paid prizes other sports	75.00
Expenses dances, and institute	357.30
Improvements to buildings and grounds	738.95
Interest	90.00
Printing	289.84
Postage and stationery	19.20
Salaries	55.00
Notes	1800.00
	\$ 4670.80

Total ASSETS	
Value buildings and grounds	\$ 2300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Exhibition grant	207.80
Municipal grant	200.00
Accounts receivable	41.00
	\$ 3488.80

Total LIABILITIES	
Outstanding notes	\$ 1100.00
Overdrafts	66.32
Balance	2282.54
	\$ 3488.86

Officers elected for 1919.
President, G. A. Foster, Natley; 1st. Vice President, H. E. Neider, Pandora; 2nd. Vice President, Geo. Conna, Pandora; Directors: G. A. Foster, Pandora; J. W. Funder, Natley; G. J. Gibson, Natley; Joe Gooding, Pandora; Joe Hunter, Natley; Geo. Loveland, Hutton; H. Olson, Pandora; J. L. Ryan, Hutton; Joe Roberts, Pandora; N. L. Stewart, Pandora; Art Stewart, Pandora; Chas. Seifeldt, Pandora; Lady Directors: Mrs. N. J. Bliven, Pandora; Mrs. A. W. Flanagan, Hutton; Mrs. S. J. Stewart, Pandora; Auditor, H. E. Knox, Natley.

Directors report will appear in next week's issue.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER!

Expert Watch Repairing that is Guaranteed
100 per cent Service for every dollar expended

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Organisation Completed

(Continued from page one.)

The rate of taxation to the farmer will be \$4.80 per quarter-section while the rate in town will be proportionate.

The first year will naturally be the heaviest and it is expected that in the succeeding years the taxation will be considerably less.

The fees proposed to be charged for hired men or servants may be up to the age of 21, and \$3.50 per day for non-taxpayers. Resident non-ratepayers, however, by the payment annually of \$4.80 may obtain the same rate as ratepayers. Farmers by paying the same sum per capita for hired men or servants may also obtain the same rate.

It will readily be seen how great a boon the municipal hospital must prove to the district, especially to the farmers for not only are the fees nominal, and in some cases almost bound to effect a great saving of expense, but also the hospital itself will be fitted up to meet almost any emergency, and will be a benefit to every member of the community.

"Some" Weather

Weather conditions this year, so far, have been absolutely ideal. Since New Year's Day we have scarcely known the snap of zero and the mercury has flirted with freezing and summer alternates.

But Sunday was the pinch limit for January weather. Following a blizzard which lasted all day Saturday, Sunday dawned upon a perfect Spring day, and at one time the temperature rose to as high as eighty degrees. About eleven o'clock at night it began to rain and continued for nearly half-an-hour.

The utmost optimism (despite Foster and all his predictions) prevails amongst the farmers who are anticipating real Alberta banner crop conditions for the coming year. Unless somebody spills the beans in February, spring work should open very early this year for the frost has not penetrated the ground anywhere near its usual depth.

Bassano looks forward to a record year for there has never been so much land ready for crop as there is at this time and, also, a large number of new farms are being started this year.

Alberta Farmers--- Important Notice

Five good reasons why you should vote for Municipal Hall Insurance, at the Municipal Election to be held on the 27th February, 1919.

THE MANAGEMENT will be entirely in your hands.

THE PLAN is automatic but not compulsory. All crops of grain not withdrawn are automatically insured. Any farmer may wish to draw part or all of his crop from the operation of the Act by notifying his Secretary-Treasurer.

Premiums levied on crop area only so that every farmer gets his insurance at the same price per acre. Premiums high enough to pay all losses in full and payable on or before December 15th without interest.

For further information see your Secretary-Treasurer, or write

The Hail Insurance Board

EDMONTON

ALBERTA

Oddfellows Install

(Continued from page one)

Bro. Tully and Tisdale, provided the brethren of the local lodge with one of the most interesting and enjoyable sessions held for years.

After the installation the members served a most elaborate banquet to the visitors, at the conclusion of which some excellent speeches were delivered by Vile Grand Lodge Officers, and also by Bro. Dooley and Hubbs, upon the work of Oddfellowship the world over.

Particularly interesting was Bro. Tisdale's response to the Toast "The Work of the Lodge," for speaking with intimate knowledge of Oddfellowship, today and disinterested recollection of work of the past thirty years, he gave the members a most instructive and illuminating account of Oddfellowship elsewhere.

The Grand Master's description of the Order's work in connection with united brethren was of a truly gratifying nature, revealing the fact that it had not only done a good work up to the present but was fully prepared to continue that work while the need existed.

Toast-master Flanagan handled his job in his usual efficient manner especially colloquial was his opening of the ceremonies.

The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: J. E. G. H. Decker, N.G., H. Nash; V.G., B. Flannery; Sec., E. L. Skerritt; T., J. Wright; Wm., J. Scott; Com., J. Siles; Chap., J. Allen; O.G., J. Carpenter; J. G. J. Clyde.

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As an aid to the purchase of W.-S. S. you can buy THRIFT Stamps for 25 cents each. Sixteen of these Thrift Stamps or a Thrift Card will be exchanged for a W.-S. S. Thrift Stamp do not bear interest. Their virtue is that they enable you to apply every 25 cents you can save towards the purchase of a Government, interest-bearing security.

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Scene of Unusual Activity When Delegates Assembled

Paris. — The inaugural sitting of the peace conference will be held on January 20.

Mr. Mat, outlining the chief territorial problems, says Great Britain, besides colonial possessions, has a link up her African colonies with India by a protectorate over consenting Arab states.

Paris. (Sunday). — The supreme council of the peace conference, consisting of President Wilson and the premiers and foreign ministers of the four great powers, Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy, met at three o'clock this afternoon at the French foreign office for the first formal exchange of views and to make arrangements for the procedure of the conference tomorrow at which the full delegations will be present.

Those present were Premier David Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain; President Wilson and the American Secretary of State, Robert Lansing; Premier Georges Clemenceau of France; Foreign Minister Pichon, of France; Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Baron Sidney Sonnino, of Italy; and Marshal Foch, Georges Laganus, French Minister of Marine; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce, and Louis Loucheur, minister of industrial reconstruction.

Today's meeting was chiefly interesting in its personal aspects—the bringing together for the first time in contact of the great statesmen, statesmen, who are now the guiding figures of the congress.

The scene as they assembled was one of unusual activity. The day was dark and raw and the steamers arrived at the meeting place in heavy rain. The usual Sunday mail across the Seine was interrupted by the great crowds which lined the Quay d'Orsay, anxious to pay tribute to the notable figures concerned in the world's most dramatic functions. Batteries of photographers and of moving picture photographers were down banking the entrances of the foreign ministry. Lines of soldiers and other guards preserved order.

Marshal Foch was the first of the high plenipotentiaries to arrive. He came at two o'clock and, finding himself in the van of the delegation, he waited in the vestibule. Soon after Foch came Robert Lansing, the American secretary of state. At 2:45 p.m. President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, arrived. Mr. Clemenceau, the French prime minister, followed. He was in a more serious mood. Signor Orlando, the Italian premier, came soon afterward, accompanied by Signor Sonnino. The last to arrive was David Lloyd George, the British prime minister and Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, who motored up together. Military aides followed the British commissioners, carrying a large despatch case.

The conference opened promptly at 3 o'clock. The meeting was an extended one. It was mainly for the purpose of settling new terms for prolonging the armistice and fixing January 17, and for determining the number and composition of the delegations of the various countries for the session of the peace congress which is about to open.

As a result of today's council, it is

expected that formal action will be taken concerning the conference, and signing delegates for each country and the fixing of the hours of meeting.

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Lower Tariff is Forecast

Duty on Agricultural Implements to Be Reduced to 12 1/2 Per Cent.

Ottawa. — It is understood on good authority that for the coming session of parliament the government is considering seriously the removal of the extra duty of 7 1/2 per cent. in the general tariff and 5 per cent. in the preferential tariff imposed in the first session after the war, that it will place definitely on the free list farm tractors costing under \$1,000 now the subject of rebate and reduce to 12 1/2 per cent. the duty on agricultural implements.

This would be about all for this year. Other adjustments are waiting the peace conference and the economic arrangements incident to it.

High protectionists in the east are now credited with a somewhat greater disposition to give and take in view of the low tariff settlement of the west. Big profits made during the war have somewhat modified the antagonism of some of them to any interference with the tariff.

Russian Plan Uprising

Montevideo. — The police have uncovered a plot on the part of the Russians to instigate a Bolshevik movement here and in Buenos Ayres. For of the leaders in the movement are said to have confessed their participation in a plan to overthrow the Uruguayan and Argentine governments and institute soviet rule in both countries. The police by quick work prevented an outbreak here which had been arranged to occur simultaneously with that in Buenos Ayres.

Stefansson Honored

Washington. — Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian Arctic explorer, was awarded the Hubbard gold medal by the National Geographic Society for his achievements during the last five years, in which he reduced the unknown polar region of the western hemisphere by approximately 100,000 square miles. His was the largest contribution to the geography of the hitherto unknown areas for many years.

German Guns and German Gunners

Destroying City

Warsaw. — The Poles are making a gallant defence of Lemberg with limited means, but the Bolsheviks, Ukrainians, aided by German guns and German gunners, slowly are destroying the city.

The Poles are estimated to number 50,000, commanded by former Premier, Holubovitch of the Ukraine, who also was chairman of the Ukrainian peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk.

The Ukrainians threaten the water and electrical supply of the city, while food is becoming very scarce. Only a few of the civilians have been able to escape from the city owing to the poor railway service. The Polish troops are being aided in the defence of the city by many citizens of Lemberg, including girls and boys. In November the citizens aided the Poles in saving the city from the Ukrainians.

Would Agree With French

Paris. — If France took the initiative in refusing to deal with the Russian Bolshevik government, declares the Excelsior, the London and Washington press agencies would agree absolutely with the French viewpoint.

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Hindenberg With Troops in Berlin

Government is Now Definitely in the Ascendant

London. — All reports from Berlin, including despatches coming direct from that city, indicate that the government is now definitely in the ascendant. The troops, who after a bare show at the outset, repeatedly have shown themselves accessible to Spartan persuasions, have now apparently arranged themselves definitely and decisively on the side of the government.

Paris. — Semi-official advice from Berlin indicates that the insurrection is decreasing in power and it is no longer seemed doubtful that the Ebert-Scheidemann government has been maintained by the local troops whose discipline has been strengthened by the presence in the city of Field Marshal von Hindenberg. The Spartacists appear to have transferred the struggle to the provinces where they seem to be gaining what they have lost in the capital.

Karl Liebknecht is reported to have proclaimed a "Red Terror" and dictatorship. The Spartacists declare a general strike "to save the revolution" has been declared.

Not Concerned About Berlin Riots

Geneva. — Witnesses of the German revolution, according to the Lausanne Gazette, declare the most amazing feature is the absence of interest from other parts of Germany to the intrigues and in the fighting in Berlin which is considered a transient insanity. The idea of sending force from other parts of Germany to Berlin to restore order has not been considered for that is held to be the duty of allies, according to the news papers.

Jews as Citizens

Paris. — Rights of citizenship have been granted by Rumania to all Jews born in that country, it is announced in a letter written by V. Antonescu, Rumanian minister to France, to Mr. Ribbitch.

Bulgaria Loses in War

Sofia. — Bulgaria's losses in the war were: Killed and missing, 101,224; wounded, 1,152,388; prisoners, 10,825. These figures do not include the losses during the retreat from Macedonia, when many died of influenza, exhaustion and famine; and ninety thousand were sickened and died of spotted fever in Bulgaria, more than four hundred cases having been found on the line of retreat. Thousands of deaths are due largely to the country's almost complete lack of soap, disinfecting materials and under-clothing.

Canadians Get Send-off

London. — A civic send-off was given at Southampton to five thousand Canadian troops leaving for Halifax on the liner Olympic. Thousands assembled at the quayside and scenes of great enthusiasm and cheering both from the ship and shore occurred. The mayor delivered a moving speech, praising the troops in their wonderful victories. He wished them "god speed."

Attempted to Assassinate Padewski

London. — Ignace Jan Padewski, the Polish pianist, was almost wounded by an assassin who entered the room of his hotel at Warsaw and fired one shot at him, according to the London Telegraph. The assassin was shot by a constable and a man from Copenhagen reporting advice from Vienna. Several Bolsheviks implicated in the plot have been arrested.

Record Being Prepared

Of Who Throughout British Empire Who Served During War

Winning. The Jewish community in England is compiling a complete record of the Jews throughout the British empire who served during the war, which is to be published in book form and sent to survivors from soldiers themselves or from their relatives as to rank, regiment, nature of service, with particulars as to promotions and distinctions. If the soldier was killed or died or if he was wounded, the date, place, and circumstances should be given. If he survives or is honorably discharged without overseas service, full details should be stated. These particulars are being prepared by the Jewish community in England, who will forward them to Winnipeg, to England.

Steamer Struck Mine

London. — The British steamer Northumbria struck a mine off Mid-Isleborough, and it is believed that the ship was lost.

A boat with two survivors and eight dead has been washed ashore at Newton Abbot. Four boats which left the ship with survivors are missing, and it is believed the boats were swamped while attempting to make shore.

The steamship Northumbria was of 4,215 tons, and was owned in Glasgow. She was 360 feet long and was built in 1906.

Losses Inflicted on United Kingdom by German Raids

Troops Withdraw To Better Quarters

Archangel. — The new positions of the American, Russian, and Polish on the River Onega have been subjected to a heavy Bolshevik machine gun fire. The allied positions on this sector are now at a village about eight miles in the rear of the furthest point reached in the advance of last week. The withdrawal was made in order to give the troops good billets.

After a few days of extremely cold weather, the northern Russian front again has become unusually warm for the season of the year.

For War Service

Hundreds Decorated With Order of the British Empire

London. — Hundreds of names of men and women on whom the Order of the British Empire has been bestowed for the last campaign, in connection with the war are printed in the two pages of the official gazette. The activities of the recipients represent some most various forms of war service.

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Local and Personal.

Service will be held in the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ballner who has been visiting in Calgary for the past few weeks returned to town on Sunday.

There's a good time waiting for you at the Hard Times Dance on Friday. Don't miss it. Mrs. Trainor's Orchestra will be there.

Charlie Nutter was one of the most interesting incidents of the past week. He came just in time for the Carnival and left on Sunday for Maple Creek.

Don't forget that the Hospital scheme is as much your business as everyone else's. It is necessary—it is good—and it is good enough to work for.

We are informed on the best authority that as soon as the government official whose duties are to count the deer in the Province has completed his chores he is to start taking a census of the gophers.

Among other visitors to town last week, for the big doings at the Odds fellows were A. Felton of Countess, Dan Stephens and F. W. Carpenter of Glen, W. Bradley, J. Tully, and O. E. Tidale of Calgary.

G. F. McMilliken, of the Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to the Prerib branch of that institution. During his short stay in Bassano, Mac made himself so well liked that he will be missed in at least one circle.

Billy Foerster was a visitor to Calgary over the week end. We understand his visit was mainly for the purpose of endeavoring to get the services of "Pinno" for the Bear Cate—but he may be mistaken.

Ladies! Your work for the Red Cross Society is urgently needed still. Won't you make another effort to attend the Sewing Drive on Friday. It has been extended especially to give you another opportunity.

Accounts written up and audited. Systems installed. Financial and trading statements and balance sheets drawn up. Partnership agreements, liquidations and accounts adjusted. All accounting problems given careful consideration—H. W. FORD, Public Accountant, Bassano.

Among the delegates to the U.F.A. Convention, from over the Red Deer we noticed J. W. Forster, G. A. Forster, L. E. Helmer, W. Bradshaw and J. Olson. A strong and competent delegation which should accomplish much if given a reasonable opportunity.

The long-expected extension of the Telephone line from Bassano to Empress is to be started this year. This statement, coming as it does from the Hon. C. R. Mitchell, will be received with satisfaction by the long-suffering residents of the territory which the extension will cover.

If the Liberal Convention did nothing else it gave the Hon. Chas. Mitchell a boost for standing to his Unionist principles, though no doubt a plan was intended. Stick to it Charlie, you will not lose any support worth the having by showing that you have a backbone as well as a wish-bone.

The following special topics will be discussed at the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, January 26th; the subject "Why People Do Not Go to Church," and on Monday, February 2nd, "Why People Should Go to Church." As these subjects are of vital importance and of interest to everyone, all are cordially invited to be present.

Jimmie Scott informs us to-day that he has sold his interest in his farm adjoining the town to a party who intends to devote his whole time to the work of dairy-farming, and to who will supply milk, butter and eggs to the town. The farm, with the facilities obtainable thereon is admirably suited to the scheme and it is to be hoped that the new owner will be able to develop sufficient business to warrant the erection of a small creamery.

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